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included in the list. The hon. Member has to wait for better times to come when the Government will be in a position to take it over."

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Inasmuch as all the District Boards are working at a deficit, will the Government consider the desirability of taking over all the major district board roads and placing them under the control of the Highways Department? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is the intention of the Government to take over all the major roads. We are in the process of taking them over. Some of them have already been taken over. Gradually we will take over the rest of them."

Legislation for encouraging free transfer of lands.

* 692 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplate early legislation for encouraging free transfer of lands on the lines of similar legislation in other States ; and

(*b*) if so, when?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The member presumably refers to the legislation to be undertaken by the Government in connexion with the Bhoodan Yagna Movement initiated by Sri Acharya Vinobha Bhave. The matter is under consideration of the Government."

Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" As the Bhoodan movement has made considerable headway in the State, should not legislation be expedited to give a proper direction and concrete shape to the movement? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already said that the matter is under consideration. The Government also contemplate introducing a Bill on the lines of the Uttar-Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh Acts."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In all matters relating to important legislation this State was giving a lead to the other States in the country. That being the case, may I know why this State should wait for the decision of other States? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is not a question of waiting for the decision of other States. We are also actively trying to introduce a Bill. If there is some delay, we cannot help it."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" இதுவரையிலும் பூதான யக்ஞத்திற்கு எத்தனை ஆயிரம் ஏக்கர் நிலங்கள் கிடைத்திருக்கிறதென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."